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### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia—Government Shifts \$81 Million to Zika Vaccine Research

(U) Washington—The US Department of Health and Human Services has shifted \$81 million in funds from other projects to continue work on developing vaccines to fight Zika in the absence of any funding from US lawmakers. The mosquito-borne Zika virus has spread to more than 50 countries and territories since the outbreak began last year in Brazil. Yesterday, Florida Governor Rick Scott said state health officials have identified three additional people in the affected area with locally transmitted Zika, bringing the total to 25.

SOURCE: 11 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Mississippi—Woman Gets 12 Years on Federal Terrorism Charge

(U) Oxford—A Mississippi woman who once sought to disguise a planned journey to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) as her honeymoon has been sentenced to 12 years in prison on a terrorism charge. Jaelyn Young was sentenced yesterday after pleading guilty in March to one count of conspiring to provide material support to a terrorist organization. Her fiancé, Muhammad Dakhalla, pleaded guilty 11 March to a similar charge and is set to be sentenced 24 August.

SOURCE: 11 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) New York—Man Linked to ISIL Pleads Guilty in Planned Attack

(U) Rochester—A New York man pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court to conspiring to provide material support to ISIL after he was charged with preparing a New Year's Eve 2015 attack at a local club or bar, prosecutors said. Emanuel L. Lutchman, 26, was accused in December of gathering knives, a machete, ski masks and zip ties as part of his plan to wage the attack and to possibly kidnap some people and kill them. As part of his guilty plea, Lutchman admitted that he conspired with a member of ISIL in Syria and planned to stage the attack. He faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a lifetime of supervised release.

SOURCE: 11 August 2016, [New York Times](#)

#### (U) Washington—Seattle Heroin Traffickers Indicted

(U) Seattle—The alleged leader of a heroin trafficking organization tied to Seattle has been arrested in Mexico and returned to the US to face charges, authorities said yesterday. US Attorney Annette L. Hayes said in a news release that 34-year-old Ricardo Ramacho was arrested on 9 August near Tijuana, Mexico after eluding authorities for weeks. During the last five years, Ramacho, a US citizen, directed a drug distribution ring from his residence in the Tijuana area, which distributed large quantities of heroin in Washington. Ramacho has been transferred to FBI custody and made his initial appearance on 10 August in US District Court in San Diego. He will be transported to Seattle to face charges, along with four other defendants involved in the ring.

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Belgium—Police Detain Three in Anti-Terrorism Raids**

(U) Brussels—Belgian police launched several raids overnight in parts of Brussels as part of an anti-terror probe and have taken three people into custody. The federal prosecutor's office said today that eight searches were carried out in the Belgian capital but that no weapons or explosives were found. Federal prosecutors declined to provide further details. Authorities continue to investigate the 22 March transport attacks in Brussels and the Belgian links to the 13 November massacres in Paris.

SOURCE: 12 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Canada—Attack Suspect Prepared Martyrdom Video**

(U) Toronto—A Canadian man previously banned from associating with ISIL extremists prepared a martyrdom video and was about to commit a terrorist attack before being shot and killed on 10 August by police officers. Today, ISIL's media arm, the Amaq news agency, said that Aaron Driver was a "soldier of the Islamic State [ISIL]." A posting on the agency's website said his only mistake was "in releasing his video ... before carrying out the attack." The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said that Driver planned to carry out a suicide bombing in a public area in an urban center during rush hour, but was intercepted when Canadian police were tipped off to the video by the FBI.

SOURCE: 12 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Thailand—Series of Bombings Hit Tourism-Heavy Areas**

(U) Bangkok—A series of explosions has struck at least five tourism-heavy areas in Thailand, killing at least four people and injuring dozens. Two explosions occurred in the beach city of Hua Hin last night, followed by bombs in Surat Thani, Trang, Phang Nga, and Phuket early this morning. In addition to dozens of Thais, the injured include tourists from Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. Officials from the military-backed government are insisting that the attacks are not the work of terrorists.

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